

aircraft operating to, within or across India.

The increase in revenue is expected to be over Rs. 44 lakhs.

**Director, Posts and Telegraphs
Circle Orissa**

926. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry into allegations made against the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Orissa Circle was made by the Posts and Telegraphs Department;

(b) the nature of allegations and the steps taken after the enquiry; and

(c) whether any of the allegations has basis?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes. An enquiry was held in Cuttack by a Deputy Director General from the P. & T. Directorate between the 19th and 25th September, 1963.

(b) The allegations were mainly:—

(i) About the behaviour of the D. P. T. with the representatives of the staff unions;

(ii) the orders issued by the D. P. T. placing certain restrictions on the facility for reimbursement of medical charges with a view to preventing their abuse; and

(iii) misuse of services of office peons for private purposes.

The allegations were found to be grossly exaggerated. However, there were a few minor lapses regarding which the officer is being suitably advised.

(c) As noted above.

Telephone Connections

**927. { Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri V. B. Deo:**

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for telephone connections in the districts of Bikaner, Churu and Ganganagar; and

(b) names of places in the Districts of Bikaner, Churu and Ganganagar (Rajasthan) where the telephone system is going to be introduced, during 1963-64 and 1964-65?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1995/63.]

Visakhapatnam Port

928. Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts that are going to be spent for the development of the Visakhapatnam Port in the Third and the Fourth Plan periods; and

(b) the major developments that are to be made during these periods?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The total cost of the Third Five-Year Plan programme of the port of Visakhapatnam is estimated at about Rs. 9.44 crores. It is expected that the entire plan programme will be executed during the plan period. The programme for the port in the Fourth Plan is under preparation.

(b) The major development schemes that are being executed during the Third Plan period are:

(1) Additional Four Berth Scheme.

(2) Ore Handling Plant.

(3) Extension of Dry Dock for port Craft.